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## Parking Authority to Test New Parking Meters That Accept Credit Card and Coin Payments

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy announced today that the Jersey City Parking Authority has installed new meters along Montgomery Street between Warren and Greene Streets that will accept credit card as well as coin payments as part of a pilot program. The new meters have been fully functional as of Wednesday, September 12th, 2012.

"The city is looking to implement new technologies that will help provide more efficient and convenient parking alternatives for our residents, businesses and visitors," said **Mayor Healy.** "We encourage our residents and visitors to use these new meters and provide feedback so we can further improve our parking meter system throughout the city."

This is a 90-day trial period to see if the credit card is used significantly enough to move in the direction of installing these meters in other locations. Residents or visitors will not be required to use a credit card – it will only be an option. If the test is successful, this new parking meter could replace many of the antiquated coin operated meters now utilized throughout the city. The city will not incur any charges for the new meters or credit card data during the 90-day trial period.

The installations of the new meters which occurred **Tuesday**, **September 11**<sup>th</sup> was a simple process: the head and mechanism were removed from the old meter and the new credit card accepting mechanism and new head were put in place. Sensors have also been installed along **Montgomery Street between Warren and Green Streets** which will register when a car enters and exits a parking space.

The new parking meters will bring benefits to residents as well as visitors with their multiple payment options by accepting credit card as well as coin payments. However, the new meters will not accept debit card payment.

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